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COVID-19 UPDATE

Since Friday, March 5, 62 Residents have Tested Positive, and 50 More have Recovered from COVID-19;

City of Framingham Health Department: If You've Tested Positive for COVID-19 or Been in Close Contact with Someone Positive, Please Follow Quarantine Counsel as Directed to Stay Safe;

Weekly Food Resource Guide;

Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data

- Since Friday, March 5, 62 residents have tested positive, and 50 more have recovered from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 6,977. With 5,493 recovered and 229 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,255 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 528 residents in guarantine.
- Reminder from the City of Framingham Health Department: If you've tested positive for COVID-19 or been in close contact with someone positive, please follow quarantine counsel as directed: This week, many businesses and schools are in the process of reopening. The Framingham Health Department is counseling and following many people in the City who are in quarantine due to a close contact exposure or positive COVID-19 diagnosis. As a reminder, people must follow this counsel to avoid further transmission. The Department also asks parents to monitor their children for fevers, coughs, and sudden loss of taste and/or smell. If a child presents any of these symptoms, they should be tested and not return to in-person school until they receive a negative test. The Health Department is speaking with hundreds of people weekly and providing individualized information for each situation. The Department is requesting patience, cooperation, and general courtesy from those residents receiving the State's guidance around quarantining from the City's contact tracing nursing staff.
- Weekly food resource guide: To better manage the food demand, Framingham's Emergency
 Food Line's coordinators have developed a weekly guide about residents' food availability. View
 this week's guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, here.
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all confirmed cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings.
 Reference today's data release here.